

How Can Citizens Participate in Meetings?

Agendas are available before each meeting and on the City’s website.

Residents are encouraged to participate in Edina’s policy-making process. Please turn off cellular telephones and pagers when entering the meeting. The Council Chambers is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please contact the City’s Communications & Marketing Department staff if you would like a receiver.

During “Public Hearings,” the Chair will ask for public testimony after City staff members make their presentations. Public testimony relevant to the discussion is welcomed and encouraged.

The City wishes to create a positive environment for all public meetings. Your cooperation will help create the best possible environment for effective public discourse on issues. To ensure fairness to all speakers and to allow the efficient conduct of a public hearing, speakers should observe the following guidelines:

- Present any petitions, letters or printed materials to the secretary before beginning your presentation.
- Individuals must limit their presentations to the limit for testimony set by the Chair.
- Direct your presentation to the entire advisory group and not to an individual member, City staff member or the audience.
- Try not to repeat remarks or points of view made by prior speakers and limit comments to the matter under consideration.
- In order to maintain a respectful environment for all those in attendance, please avoid the use of signs, clapping, cheering or booing or any other form of verbal or nonverbal communication.

- Do not make comment during deliberations unless the Chair asks for more information from you.

All agendas include “Community Comment,” a time for the Board, Commission or Committee to hear from residents. During “Community Comment,” the Chair will ask to hear from those in attendance who would like to speak about something not on the agenda. Individuals must observe time limits and cannot speak to an issue for which a public hearing was previously held and closed or an issue slated for future consideration. Individuals should not expect the advisory group to respond to their comments. Instead, the group might consider the issue at a future meeting.

How Can I Join an Advisory Group?

For an application for appointment, visit www.CityofEdina.com or contact the City Clerk, 952-826-0408. Appointments are typically made in the first quarter of the year. Most volunteers serve three-year terms.

Who’s Who at City Hall?

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Edina’s Advisory Boards,
Commissions & Committees



City of Edina

Although members of the Edina City Council are elected, many volunteers serve on various boards, commissions and committees that make recommendations to the Council. All members are appointed by the City Council.

The meetings of these advisory groups are open to the public. Residents are encouraged to verify meeting dates and times online at www.CityofEdina.com. The present boards, commissions and committees and their regular meeting times are:

Board of Appeal & Equalization



Meets two times in April of each year.
The Board is composed of five citizen members who provide a fair and objective forum for property owners to appeal their property valuation or classification. The Board has the authority to decrease, sustain or increase the market value of a property.

Edina Art Center Board



4 p.m. Meets fourth Thursday of the month.
The Board develops and reviews plans for the development of the Edina Art Center and makes recommendations to the City Council concerning art activities and programs.

Human Rights & Relations Commission



7 p.m. Meets fourth Tuesday of the month.
The nine-member Commission seeks to secure for residents freedom from discrimination and address issues relating to a variety of human needs, rights and services.

Transportation Commission



6 p.m. Meets third Thursday of the month.
The nine-member Commission advises the Council on matters relating to the operation of the local street system with respect to traffic volumes, congestion and functional classification, but not maintenance activities, of the City. The Commission also reviews and comments on plans to enhance mass transit opportunities in the City. In addition, the Commission evaluates methods for traffic calming and other speed and volume mitigation measures and recommends their implementation when appropriate.

Community Health Committee



6:30 p.m. Meets four times per year.
The Committee researches, studies and evaluates the needs concerning health-related issues. The group advises the City Council (Board of Health) of its findings relating to the health needs of the residents of the City of Edina.

Energy & Environment Commission



7 p.m. Meets third Wednesday of the month.
The 11-member Commission focuses on environmental protection, conservation efforts, energy conservation and waste reduction.

Park Board



7 p.m. Meets second Tuesday of the month.
The 11-member Board develops and reviews plans for the acquisition and development of parks and recreational facilities, develops recreation programs, reviews parkland dedications for new subdivisions and makes recommendations to the Council. One Board seat is reserved for a member of the Board of Education.

Zoning Board of Appeals & Adjustments



5:30 p.m. Meets first and third Thursdays of the month.
The five-member Board hears and acts upon requests for variances to zoning regulations.

Construction Board of Appeals



On call.
The Board considers appeals of decisions made by the Chief Building Official, Public Health Sanitarian or the Fire Prevention Bureau in the application of City ordinances regulating building construction. The Board is made up of five members and the Chief Building Official, plus an alternate.

Heritage Preservation Board



7 p.m. Meets second Tuesday of the month.
The seven-member Board advises the Council on matters concerning identification and preservation of buildings, land or areas of particular historical, architectural, cultural or educational significance.

Planning Commission



7 p.m. Meets Wednesday prior to the first Council meeting of the month.
The nine-member Commission reviews development plans and advises the Council on all development, including amendments to the comprehensive plan, zoning, platting, changes in streets and other matters of a general planning nature.

Most advisory groups typically meet at Edina City Hall, 4801 W. 50th St. The Art Center Board typically meets at the Edina Art Center, 4701 W. 64th St.

Meetings of the Park Board, Planning Commission and Transportation Commission are televised on Edina Community Channel 16 and available for viewing online at www.CityofEdina.com.